Ceramic Factory and the Payment of Wages Act.

164 ✻MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Kundara Ceramic Factory is exempted from any or all of the provisions of the Payment of Wages Act : and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise, in view of answer to part (a).

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether the honourable member is aware of the fact that the payment of wages for mining in the factories has already fallen in arrears for weeks ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : I am not aware.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know whether the Quilon Factory Workers' Union has passed a resolution and forwarded it to the Labour Commissioner with regard to this matter ?

MR. E. I. CHACKO : No, Sir.

Ryots' Roads.

165 ✻MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether ryots' roads were newly opened during this year in the taluks of Kalkulam and Vilavankod ; and

(*b*) whether any ryots' road in those two taluks has been taken up for maintenance by the P. W. D. during the said period ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO ; (*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) Yes.

Village Roads.

166 ✻MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state whether village roads were newly opened during the year 1117 in the taluks of Kalkulam and Vilavankod ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : No.

Vacancies in the Revenue Department.

167✻MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of permanent vacancies that has arisen in the Revenue Department, of clerks on Rs. 20 to 25 and Rs. 25 to 40 scales since the abolition of the office of the Land Revenue Commissioner ; and

(*b*) whether any of those vacancies has been filled up ?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI : (*a*) 11 in the Rs. 25—40 grade and 32 in the Rs. 20—25 grade up to 1-10-1117.

(*b*) No.

MR C. JEBAMONY NADAR : இந்தக்காலிஸ்தானங்களில் ஏன் இன்னும் நியமிக்கப்படவில்லை ?

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MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI : ലാൻറ്റവന്യൂ കമ്മീഷണരാഫീസ് നിന്നത്തൽ ചെയ്തതിനശേഷം അവിടെയുള്ള ഗ്രഡേഷൻ ലിസ്റ്റ് ശരിയല്ലെന്നു കണ്ടു് വീണ്ടും ഗ്രഡേഷൻ ലിസ്റ്റ് തയ്യാറാക്കാൻ ഏർപ്പാടുചെയ്തിരിക്കുകയാണു്. അതു തയ്യാറായി വന്നയുടനെ പേഷ്ക്കാരന്മാർക്കയച്ചു് അബ്ജക്ഷൻ വല്ലതുമുണ്ടോ എന്നു നോക്കി അവരുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടു വന്നതിനശേഷം സ്ഥിരം നിയമനങ്ങൾ നടത്തപ്പെട്ടുന്നതാണു്.

Karingal Water Supply.

168 * MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state what progress has been made during the current year *re* the scheme for supplying drinking water to Karingal ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Sanction to a preliminary estimate for Rs. 14,000 has been accorded. Investigation for the preparation of detailed designs and estimates is in progress and is expected to be completed this year. Alignment of the pipe line and the sites for the reservoir and infiltration gallery have been fixed.

Eraniel Water Supply.

169 * MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Village Union, Eraniel, or the Government have taken steps to supply good drinking water to the town of Eraniel ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : The Village Union requested the P. W. D. to furnish them with an estimate of cost for pumping water from the well in the compound of the English High School to supply good drinking water to the village and an estimate for the necessary investigation has been forwarded to the Union by the P. W. D.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : அந்த எஸ்டிமேட் என்னவாயிற்று? யூனியனின் பதில் என்ன ? குடித்தண்ணீருக்காக ஏற்பாடு சிக்கிரம் செய்வார்களா ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : After seeing the estimate forwarded by the department, the Village Union decided that funds would not permit them to undertake the scheme.

Paper Economy.

170 * MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Sherta'a*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the average weight of court records and other destructible records of Government destroyed every year ;

(*b*) the approximate price of the same per ton if sold in a lot ; and

(*c*) whether the Government have taken any steps to realise an income from such sale either in a lot or making it a lump of pulp which can be used for paper making ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Controller of Stationery and Printing*) (*a*) About 15 tons of court records are destroyed every year. Government are collecting information about the records destroyed in other offices.

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